

Kentucky Board of Dentistry Frequently Asked Questions

Question: Am I required to update my contact information with the Kentucky Board of Dentistry?

Answer: All Dentists and Dental Hygienists licensed in Kentucky are required by KRS 313.80 and KRS 313.305 to notify the Board in writing of any address changes within ten (10) days of that change. The information can be submitted on the Kentucky Board of Dentistry Website on the home page <http://dentistry.ky.gov> under Online Services at the top right corner.

Question: How can I obtain a verification of my Kentucky license?

Answer: The Verification of Licensure Form is located at <http://dentistry.ky.gov/forms.htm>. The form must be completed and accompanied by payment of \$40 by check or money order.

Question: How do I file a complaint? Can my complaint be anonymous?

Answer: Patient complaints must be submitted in writing. The Kentucky Board of Dentistry cannot accept anonymous complaints. The Complaint Form must be printed and completed from the Kentucky Board of Dentistry website at <http://dentistry.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/22C6F054-9052-4691-B1E3-12351C3DA05B/302450/ComplaintForm2.pdf>

Question: Am I required to complete continuing education courses for the new KASPER requirement?

Answer: Dentists are required to complete three (3) hours of continuing education on the electronic monitoring system, addiction disorders or pain management. The hours are included in the thirty (30) hours required. For a complete list of KASPER Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's), please visit <http://dentistry.ky.gov/kasper/>.

Question: For General Supervision, does the required Medical Emergencies refresher course have to be live every two years?

Answer: Yes. Please reference 201 KAR 8:562 Section 12 to read the entire law regarding General Supervision for a Dental Hygienist.
http://dentistry.ky.gov/hygienist_information/general_supervision/

The dentist must have completed an exam on the patient within 7 months of treatment. Additionally, the patient must have **PRIOR** notification that the dentist will **NOT** be present at the appointment and sign an Informed Consent. For a complete list of General Supervision guidelines, please reference 201 KAR 8:562 Section 12 to read the entire law regarding General Supervision for a Dental Hygienist. http://dentistry.ky.gov/hygienist_information/general_supervision/

Question: Are registered dental hygienists or dental assistants permitted to take final impressions?

Answer: Only licensed dentists are permitted to take final impressions by any method, including, but not limited to, analog and digital methods, to construct dental restorations. Dental hygienists and dental assistants are not permitted to take final impressions in Kentucky.

Question: Where can I find a list of courses that have been approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry?

Answer: The complete list of approved courses can be located on the website at http://dentistry.ky.gov/legislative_update.htm

Question: Do online courses meet the continuing education requirement for live interactive presentation format?

Answer: The requirement for “live interactive presentation format” C.E. hours found in 201 KAR 8:532 Section 9(3) and 201 KAR 8:562 Section 5(3), may include online courses if the participant licensee can ask the presenter questions in real time and receive the answers back in real time, either via:

- live video - the participant can see and be seen by the speaker in real time; or
- live audio - the participant can hear and be heard in real time.

Question: Am I required to provide records to my patient?

Answer: Dental patients are entitled by law under KRS 422.317 to a copy of their patient record. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/KRS/422-00/317.PDF>. Upon a patient's written request a health care provider shall provide, without charge to the patient, a copy of the patient's medical record. A copying fee, not to exceed one dollar (\$1) per page, may be charged by the health care provider for furnishing a second copy of the patient's medical record upon request either by the patient or the patient's attorney or the patient's authorized representative.

The following constitutes the dental record of a patient:

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/201/008/540.htm>

Question: Are dentists permitted to administer Botox or other dermal fillers?

Answer: Dentists are permitted to administer Botox or other dermal fillers so long as they are competently trained and administer it to treat "deficiencies of the oral cavity and adjacent associated structures."